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PREPARATION, AND MATERIAL FOR  
FORMATION OF CARBON DIOXIDE  
EXTERNAL PREPARATION

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**ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The above-identified application qualifies for small entity status. This written assertion of small entity status should satisfy the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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